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LOOKS LIKE
KNUCKLES IS ABOUT
TO **CRACK!**

ENDANGERED SPECIES

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When Dr. Eggman sent an invasion force to the Echidna homeland, a fierce battle between the survivors, Team Fighters, and Eggman's forces erupted and ended with all parties knocked unconscious! Knuckles the Echidna, revered guardian of the Master Emerald and protector of his people, arrived to find the entire Echidna population vanished, and Team Fighters knocked out amidst the remnants of the war zone.

Thrash the Devil, a fierce Tasmanian Devil, had used a Super Warp Ring to transport the Echidnas to an unknown location as revenge for the disastrous genetic engineering the Echidnas had performed on the Tasmanian Devils in the past. Knuckles and Thrash have now squared off in an epic duel, while a new force of Dr. Eggman's, the Krudzu Hybrid Hydra, has arrived on the scene to finish our heroes off!

As Knuckles battles Thrash and Team Fighters engage the Krudzu, a mysterious third party has **ALSO** entered the mix...



Who's Who



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SUPER SPEEDY HERO



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KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
THE LAST GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND

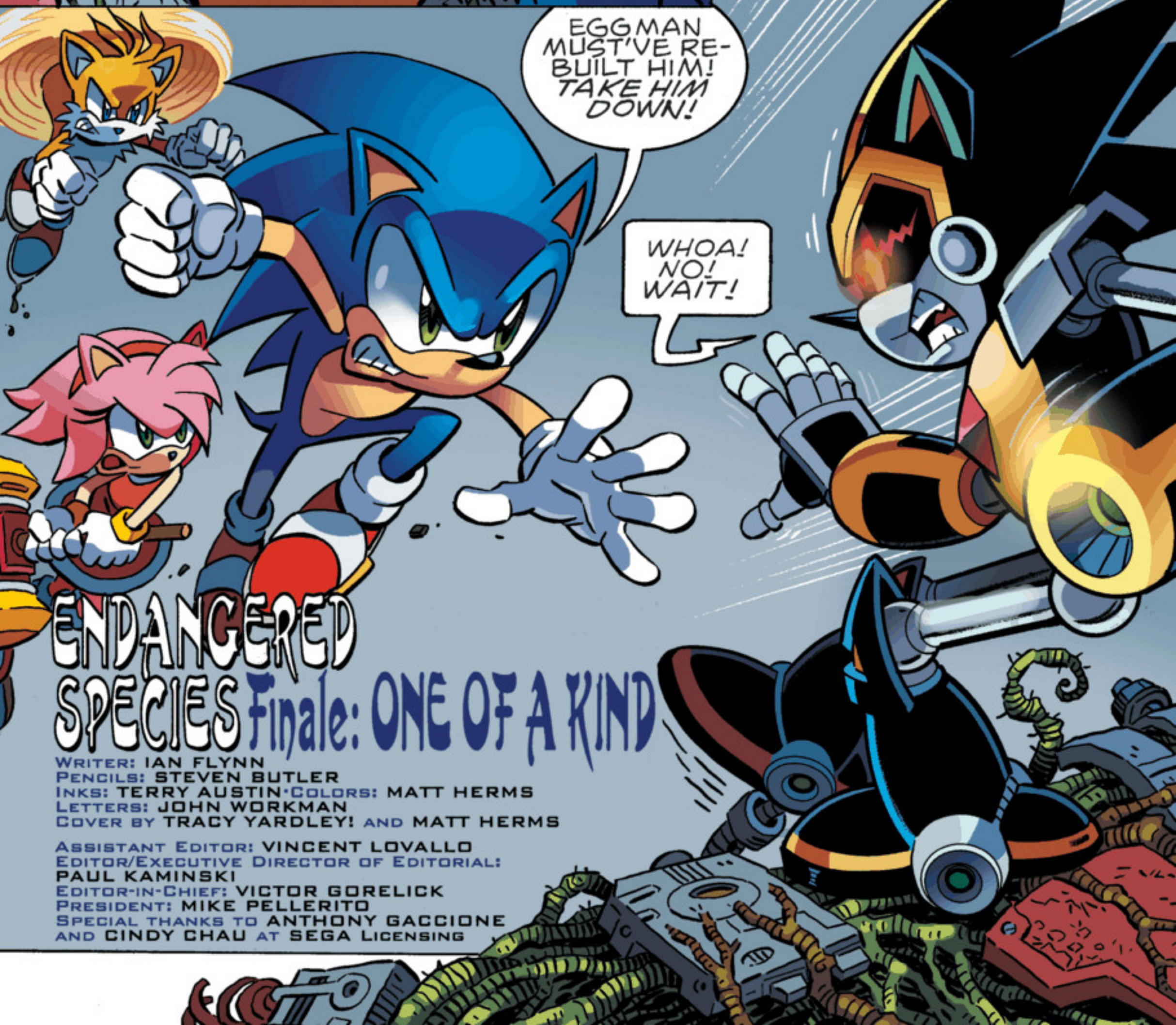


THRASH THE DEVIL
QUEST-DRIVEN POWERHOUSE

FORMER
ECHIDNA
HOME-
LAND...

DO
YOU KNOW
HOW HARD
IT IS TO
TRACK
YOU
GUYS
DOWN?

THAT... LOOKS LIKE
THE POWER GEM
CORE... NO WAY! IT'S
THE ORIGINAL
MECHA SONIC!



EGG MAN
MUST'VE RE-
BUILT HIM!
TAKE HIM
DOWN!

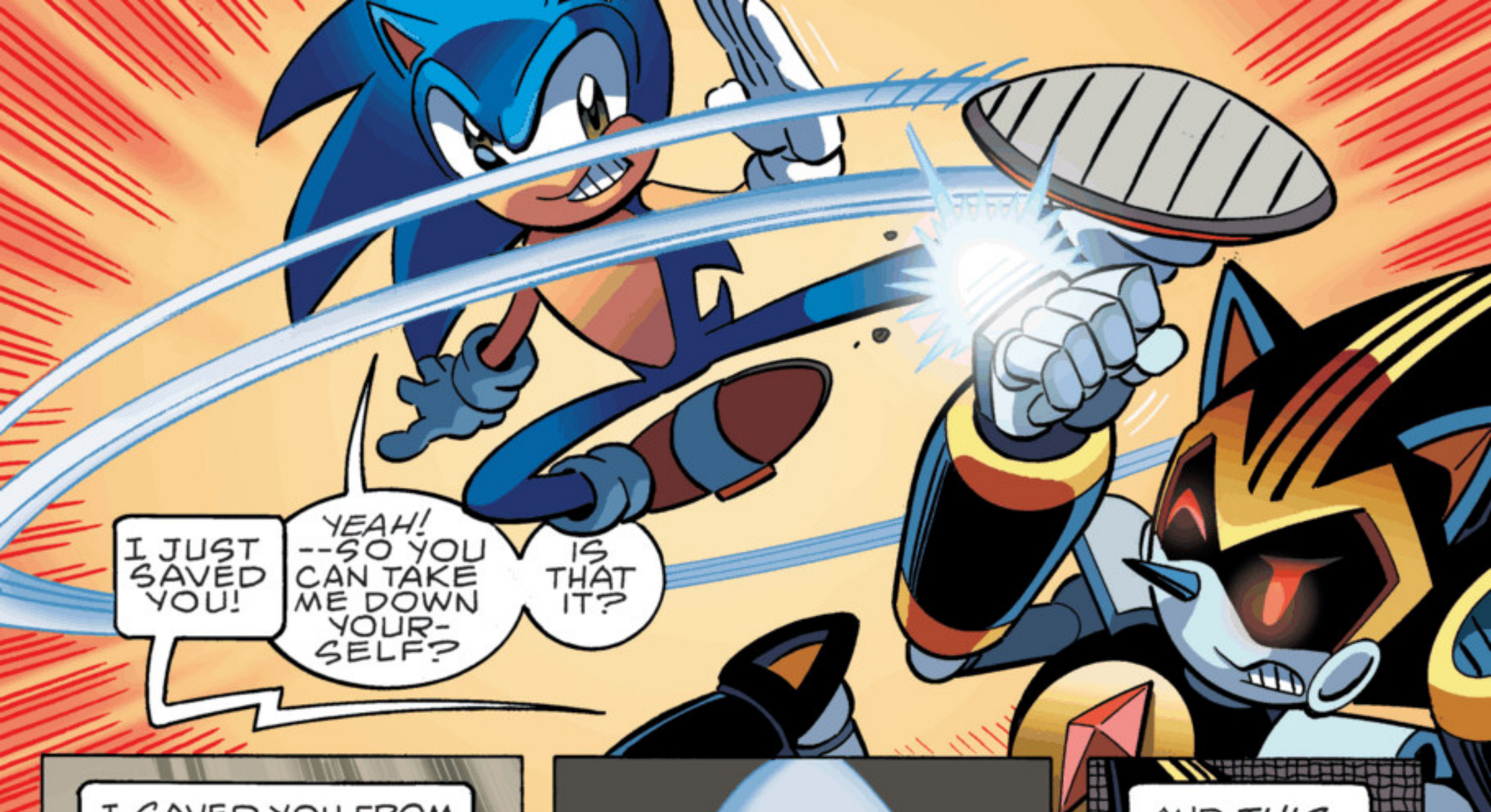
WHOA!
NO!
WAIT!

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I JUST
SAVED
YOU!

YEAH!
--SO YOU
CAN TAKE
ME DOWN
YOUR-
SELF?

IS
THAT
IT?



I SAVED YOU FROM
THAT VOLCANO!
REMEMBER? THAT
ONE TIME?

YOU
TRAPPED
ME IN
THERE
IN THE
FIRST
PLACE!*



YOU
KIDNAPPED
ME!

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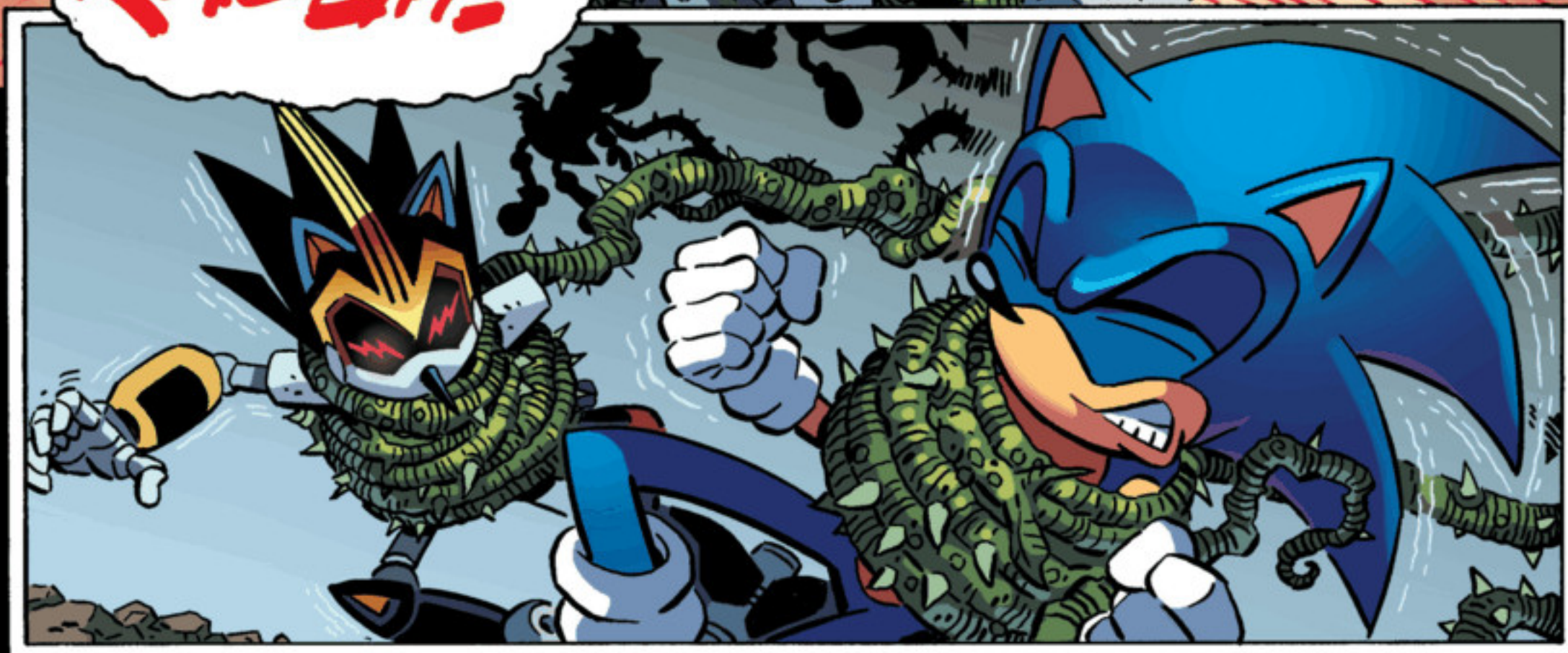
LISTEN,
I'M HERE
TO HELP
YOU COM-
PLETE
YOUR--

--URGH!



AND THIS
IS WHY I
WASN'T
SUPPOSED
TO GET IN-
VOLVED, I
GUESS.

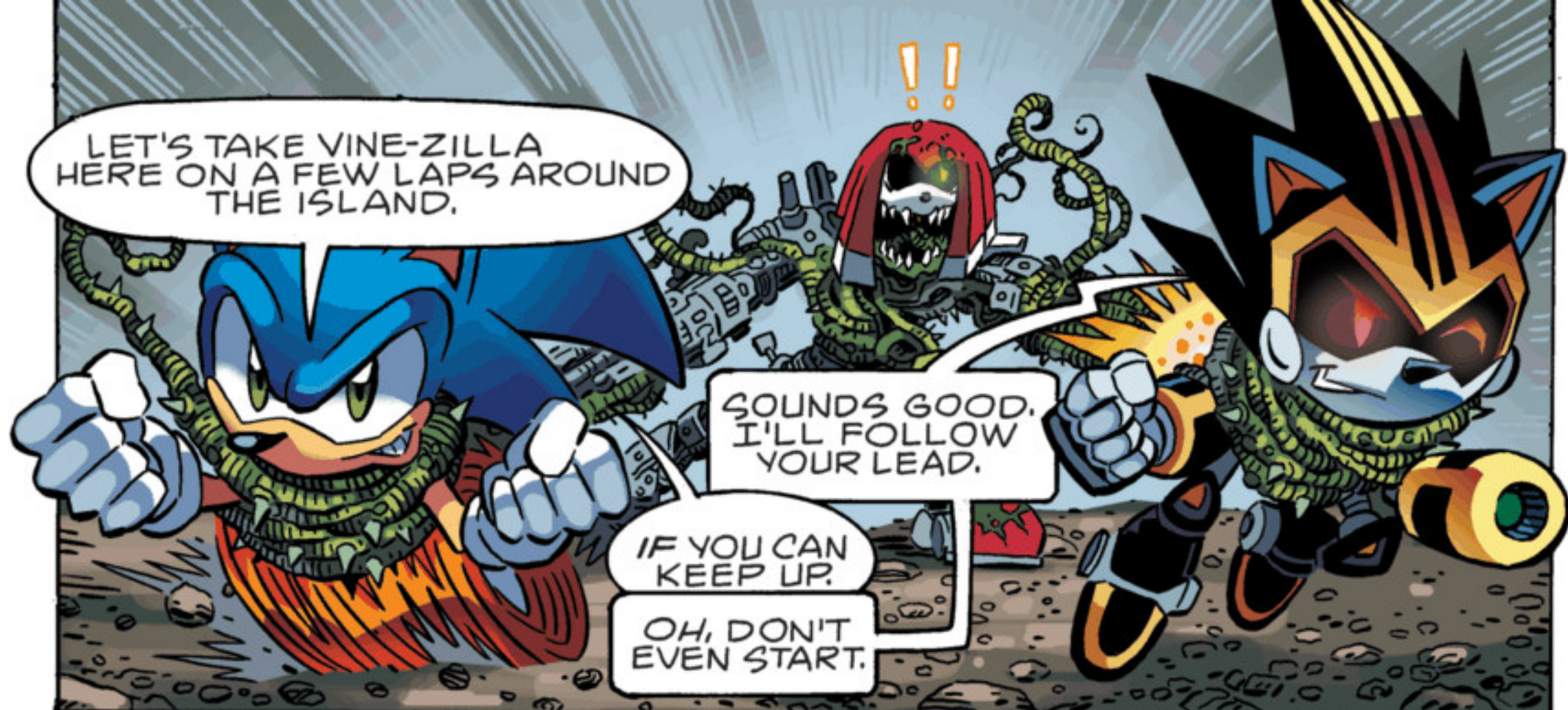
*STH # 86-87.
READ IT TODAY
ON THE SONIC
COMICS APP!
--EDITOR.



AHHH! THE ROGUE MECHA SONIC! I THOUGHT YOU WERE DESTROYED! YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT ADDITION TO THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA!

SONIC, PLEASE! YOU TAUGHT ME THE VALUE OF LIFE. I'M WILLING TO RISK MINE TO SAVE YOURS, BUT I CAN'T FIGHT *THIS* CHUMP AND YOU AT THE SAME TIME.





LET'S TAKE VINE-ZILLA
HERE ON A FEW LAPS AROUND
THE ISLAND.

SOUNDS GOOD.
I'LL FOLLOW
YOUR LEAD.

IF YOU CAN
KEEP UP.

OH, DON'T
EVEN START.



NO!
STOP! HALT!
AAAAA
AHH!

THIS ISN'T
GOOD. IT LOOKS
LIKE THE KRUDZU'S
DEVELOPED AN
IMMUNITY TO
WATER. IF IT CAN
EVOLVE LIKE
THAT...

SO WHAT
CAN WE DO
ABOUT IT?
WAIT UNTIL
THEY COME
BACK
AROUND?

I GUESS
WE'LL
HAVE
TO...



...BUT
EVEN THEN, I
DON'T KNOW
IF WE'D BE
ENOUGH.



HMMM...

I THINK YOU DEVIL DOGS
ARE SMART ENOUGH TO UNDER-
STAND ME, SO LISTEN UP.
WE'RE **ALL** IN VERY REAL
DANGER. WE CAN HELP EACH
OTHER OUT, YOUR BEST
OPTION WOULD BE TO
LISTEN TO ME...

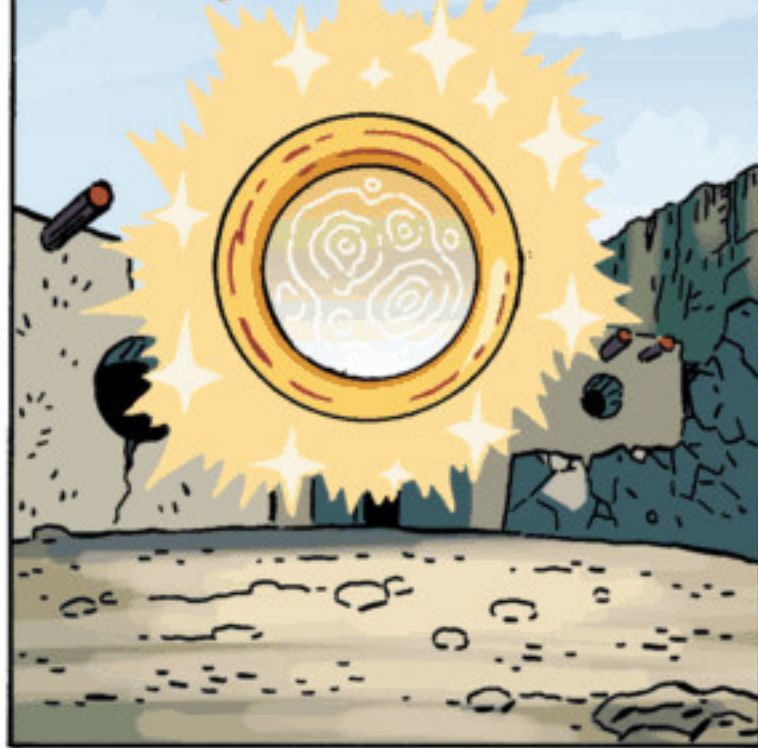


"...BECAUSE YOUR
OLD BOSS ISN'T
COMING BACK
ANY TIME SOON."

DOWNUNDA--
TASMANIAN
RUINS...

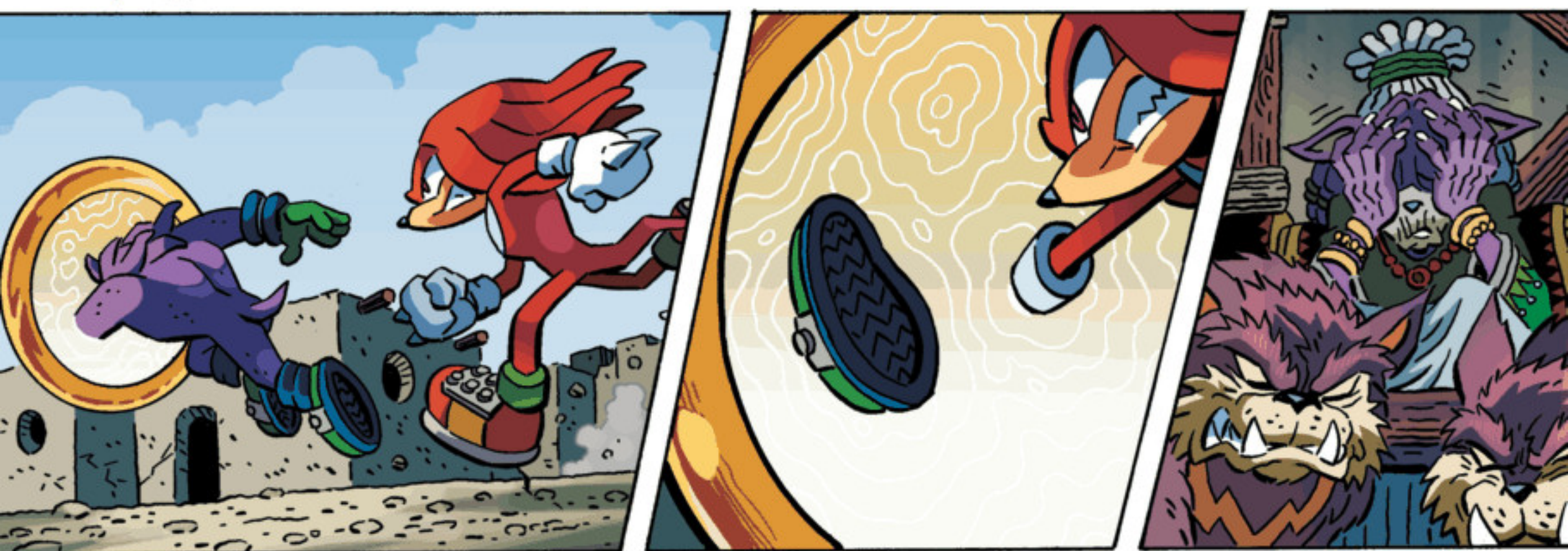
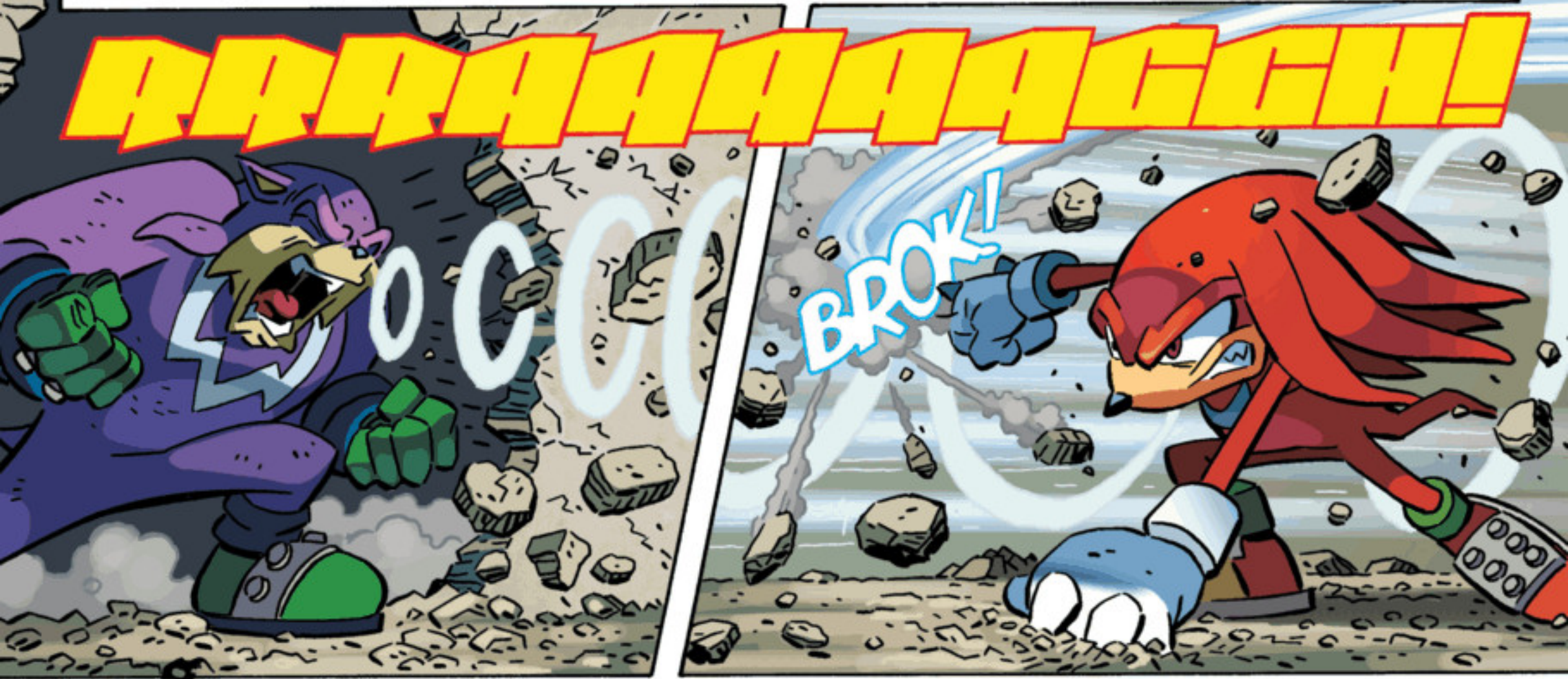


FWASH



...THE FIGHT CONTINUES
BETWEEN KNUCKLES
AND THRASH!



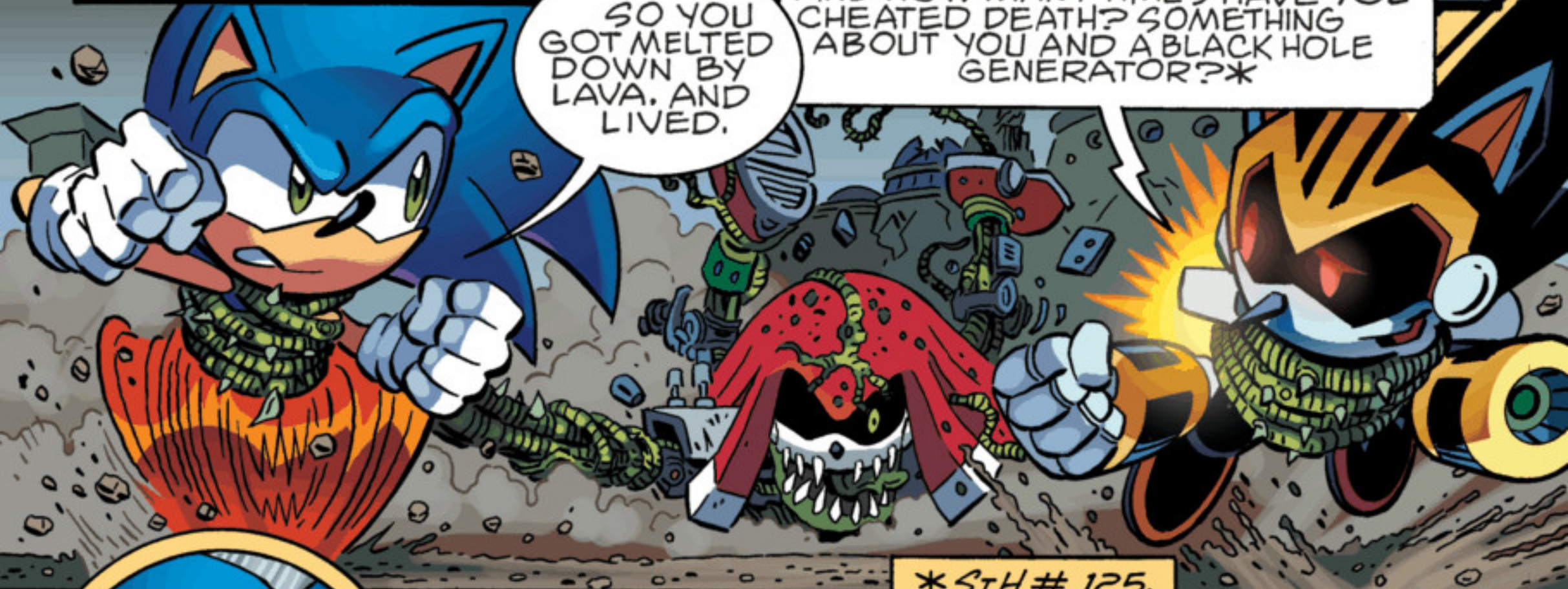


MEANWHILE...



SO YOU
GOT MELTED
DOWN BY
LAVA, AND
LIVED.

AND HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU
CHEATED DEATH? SOMETHING
ABOUT YOU AND A BLACK HOLE
GENERATOR?*



*STH # 125.

DON'T
CHANGE THE
TOPIC! WHY
ARE YOU HERE?
HOW ARE YOU
HERE?

IT'S A
SECRET TO
EVERYONE.

DUDE!
DROP THE
CRYPTIC
ACT!

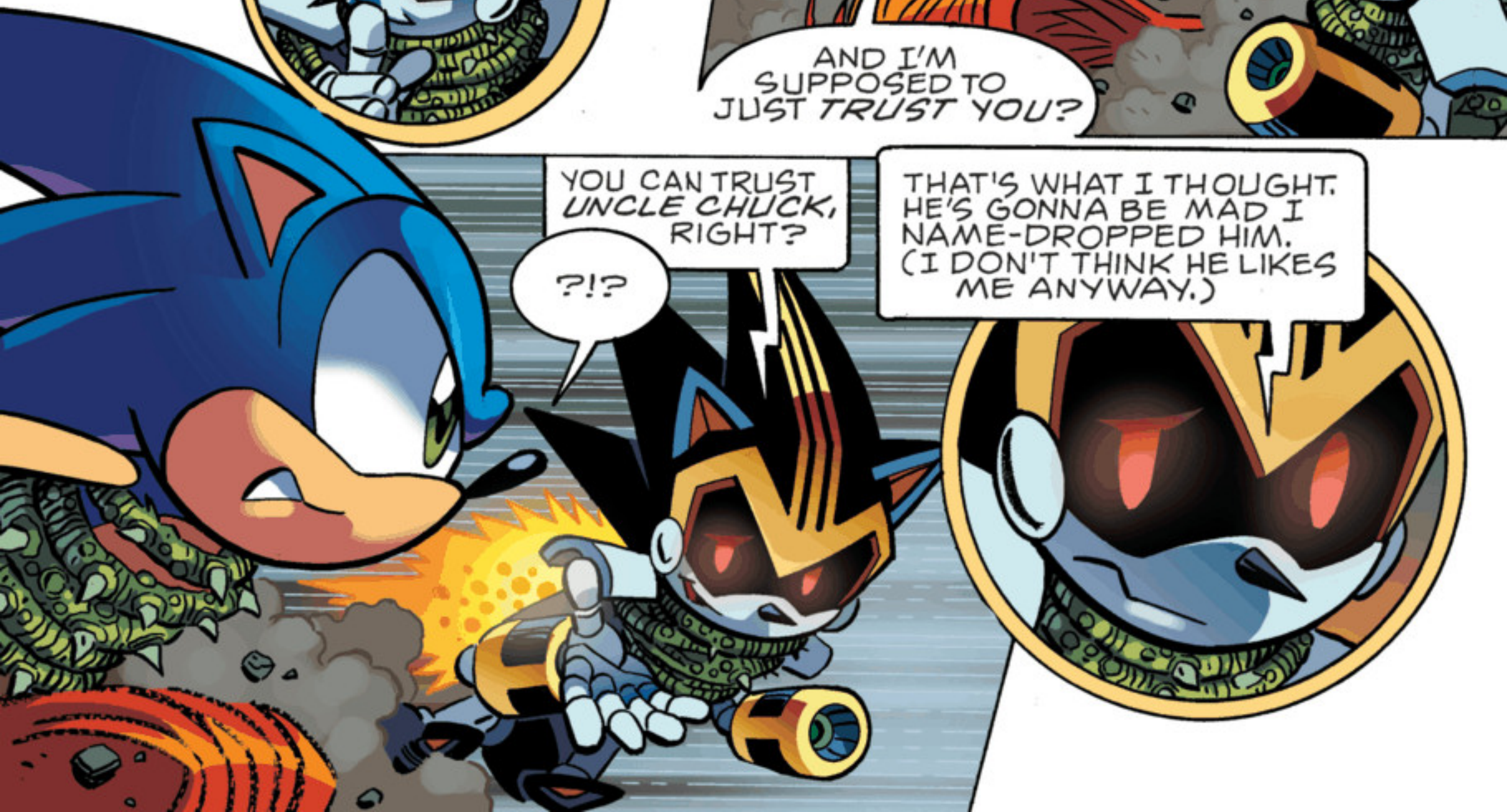
SORRY! I WISH I COULD.
BUT I'VE GOT TOO MANY
OTHERS RELYING ON ME
KEEPING THOSE
SECRETS.

AND I'M
SUPPOSED TO
JUST TRUST YOU?

YOU CAN TRUST
UNCLE CHUCK,
RIGHT?

?!?

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
HE'S GONNA BE MAD I
NAME-DROPPED HIM.
(I DON'T THINK HE LIKES
ME ANYWAY.)





LOOK--I'M UNDER ORDERS FROM MY BOSSES...

...TO MAKE SURE TEAM FIGHTERS IS SAFE AND ON TRACK TO RESCUING SALLY. THAT'S WHY I WAS SENT TO FIND YOU.

WE'RE WORKING ON IT, BUT WE KEEP GETTING SIDE-TRACKED.

EGGMAN-- AND SALLY HERSELF-- HAVE NOT BEEN MAKING IT EASY.

ARGH!

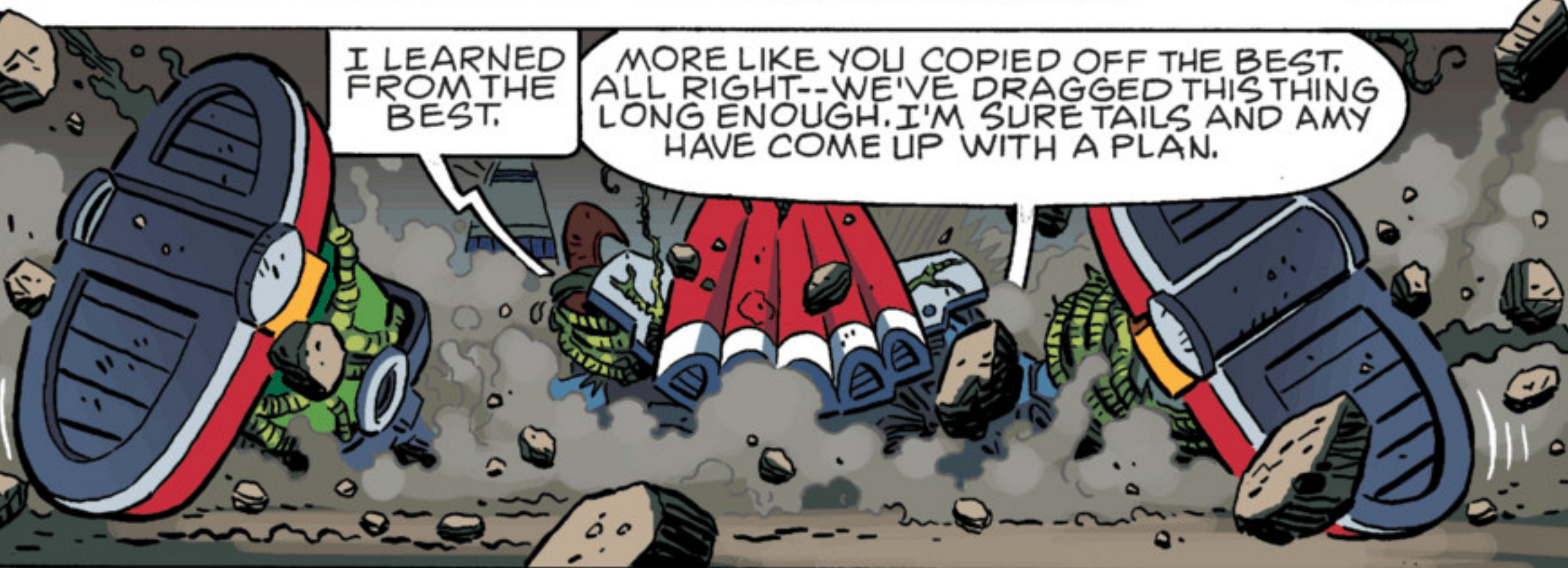


CASE IN POINT.



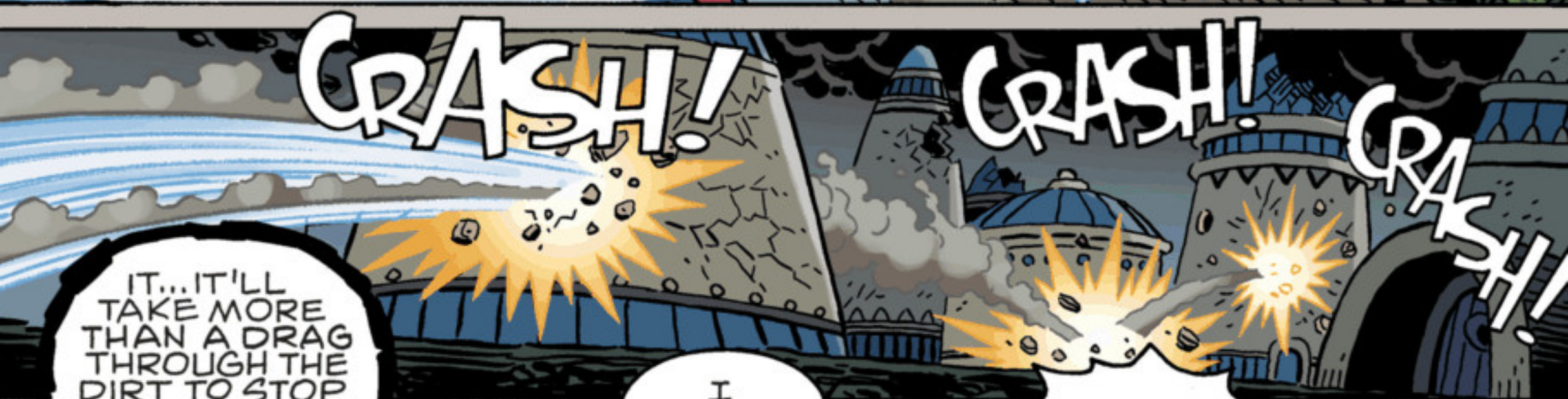
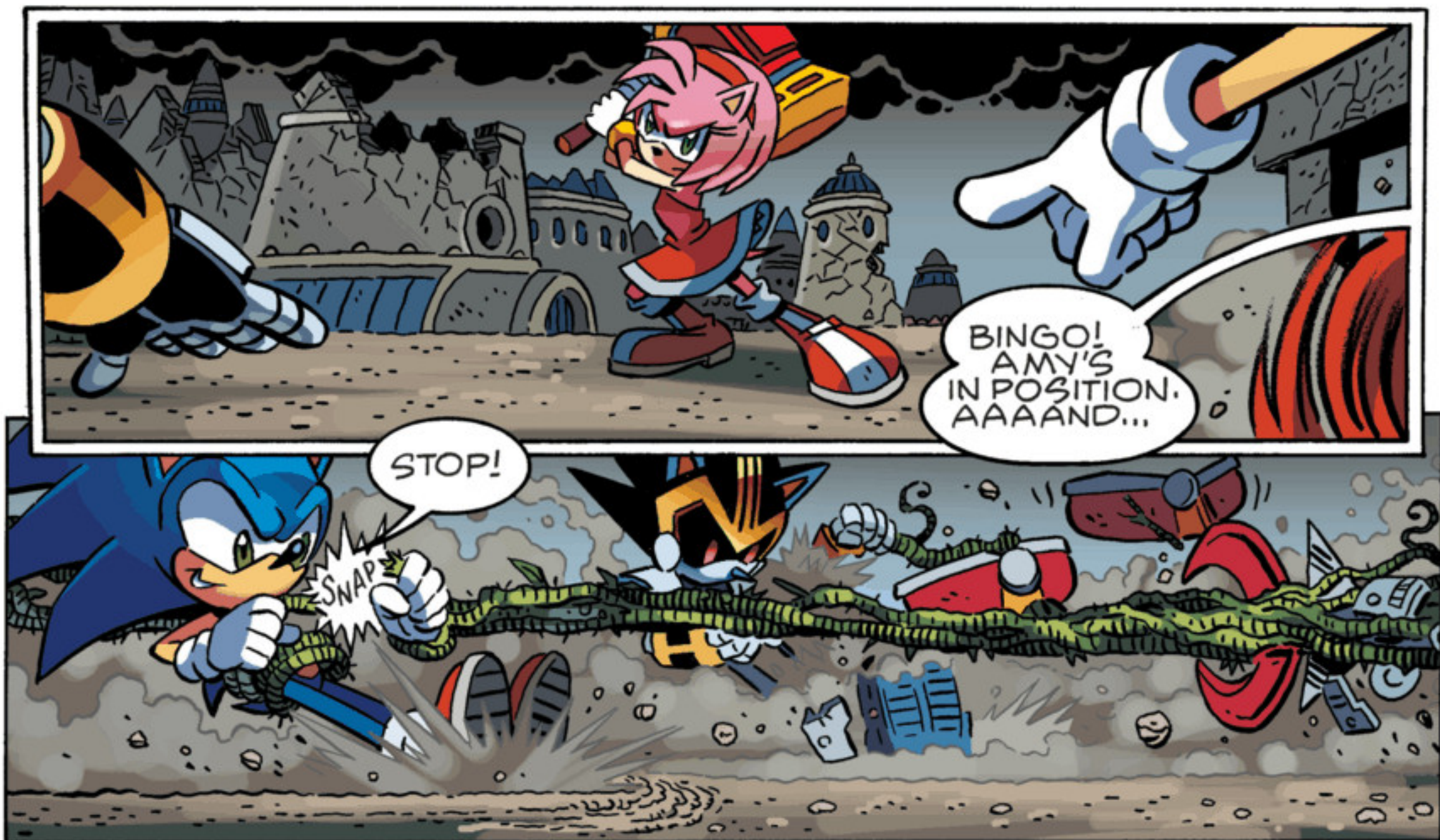
IN THAT CASE, ALL I HAVE LEFT TO DO IS SAVE THE DAY AND LOOK COOL DOING IT.

THAT'S MY JOB, KNOCK-OFF.



I LEARNED FROM THE BEST.

MORE LIKE YOU COPIED OFF THE BEST. ALL RIGHT--WE'VE DRAGGED THIS THING LONG ENOUGH. I'M SURE TAILS AND AMY HAVE COME UP WITH A PLAN.



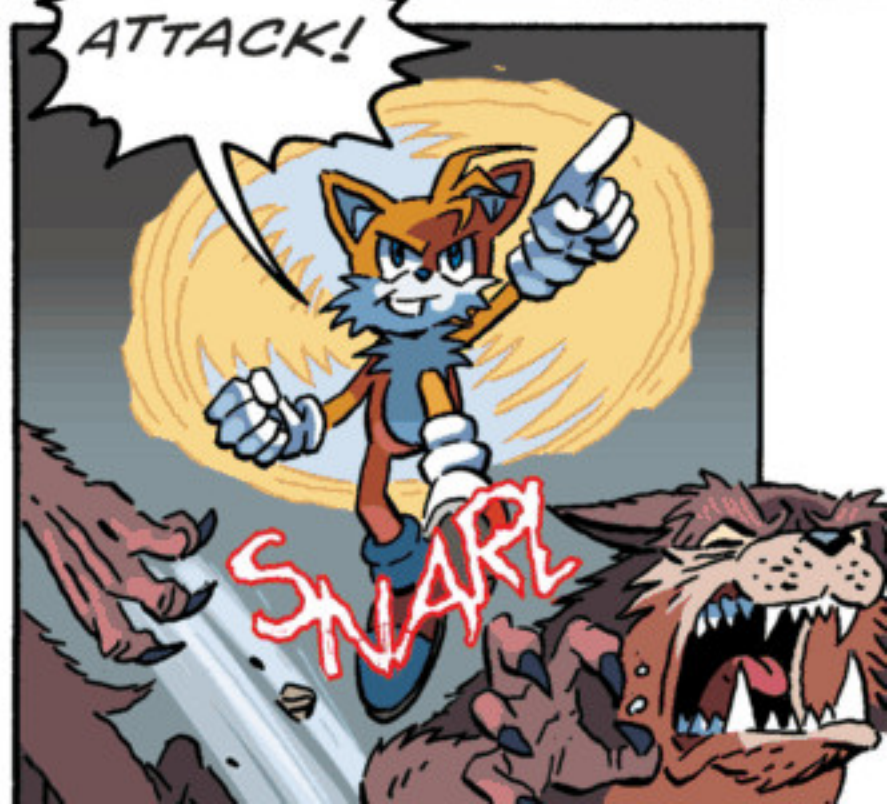
IT...IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A DRAG THROUGH THE DIRT TO STOP ME! THE FOUR OF YOU AREN'T ENOUGH!

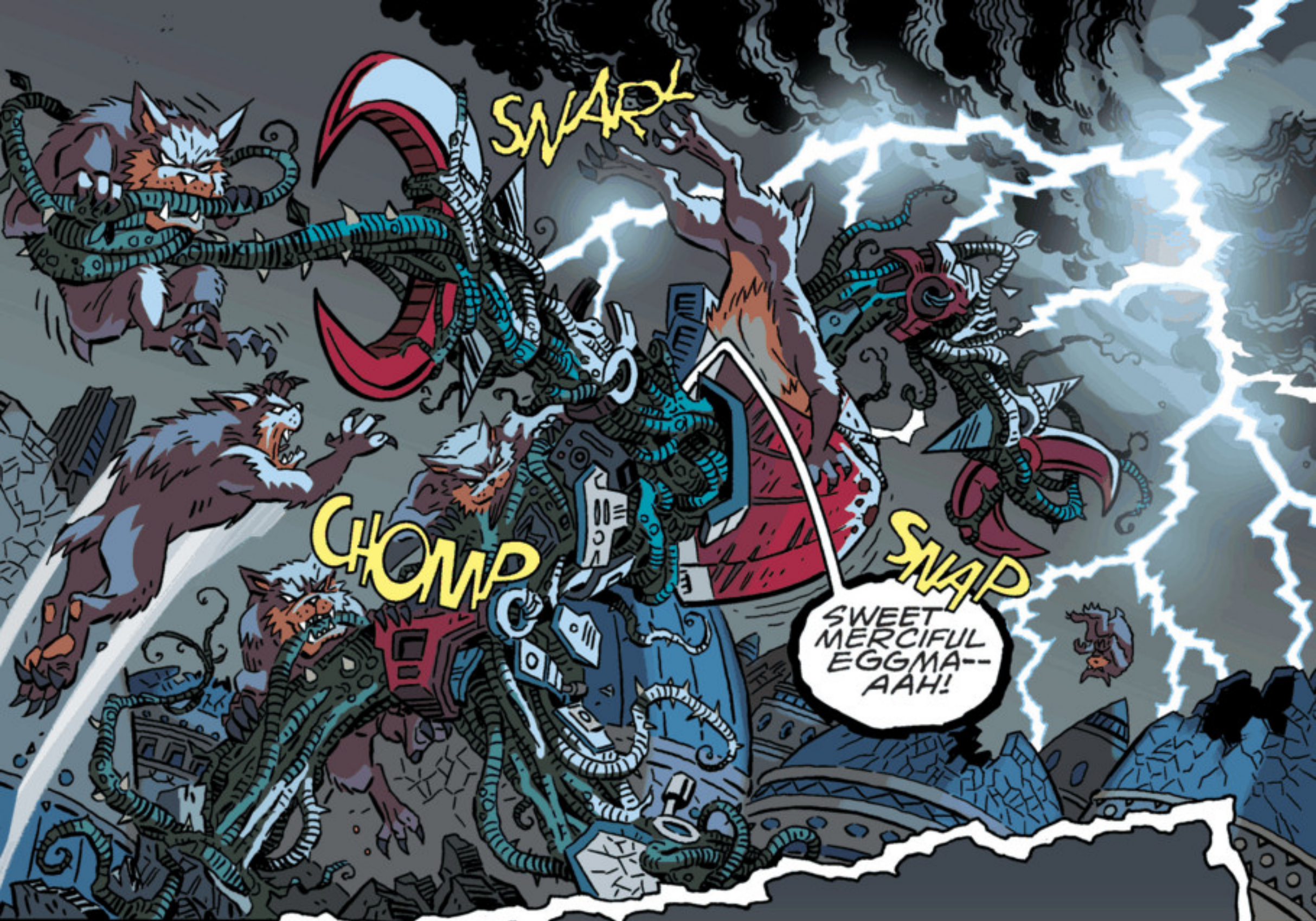


I THOUGHT AS MUCH.



ATTACK!

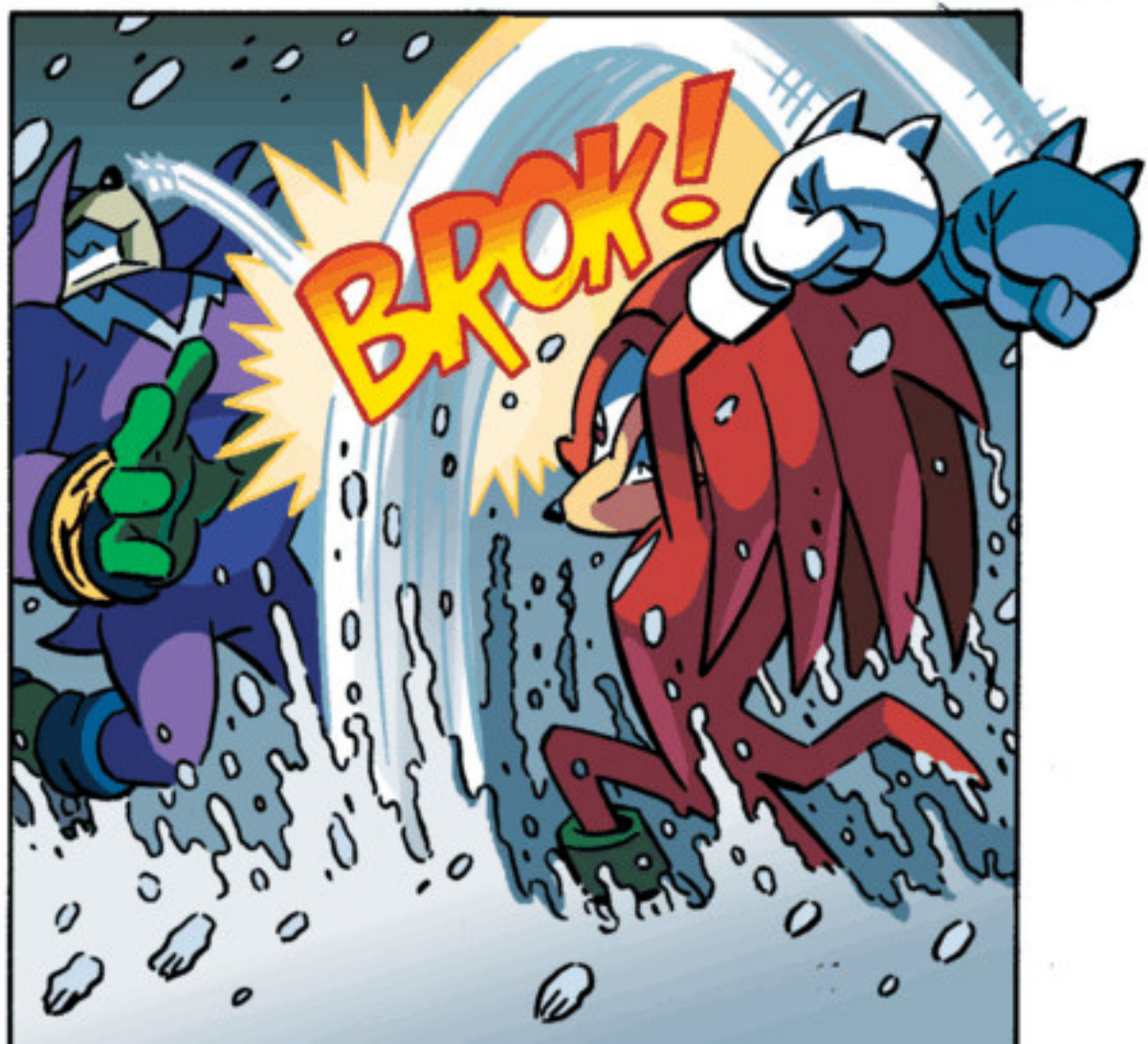
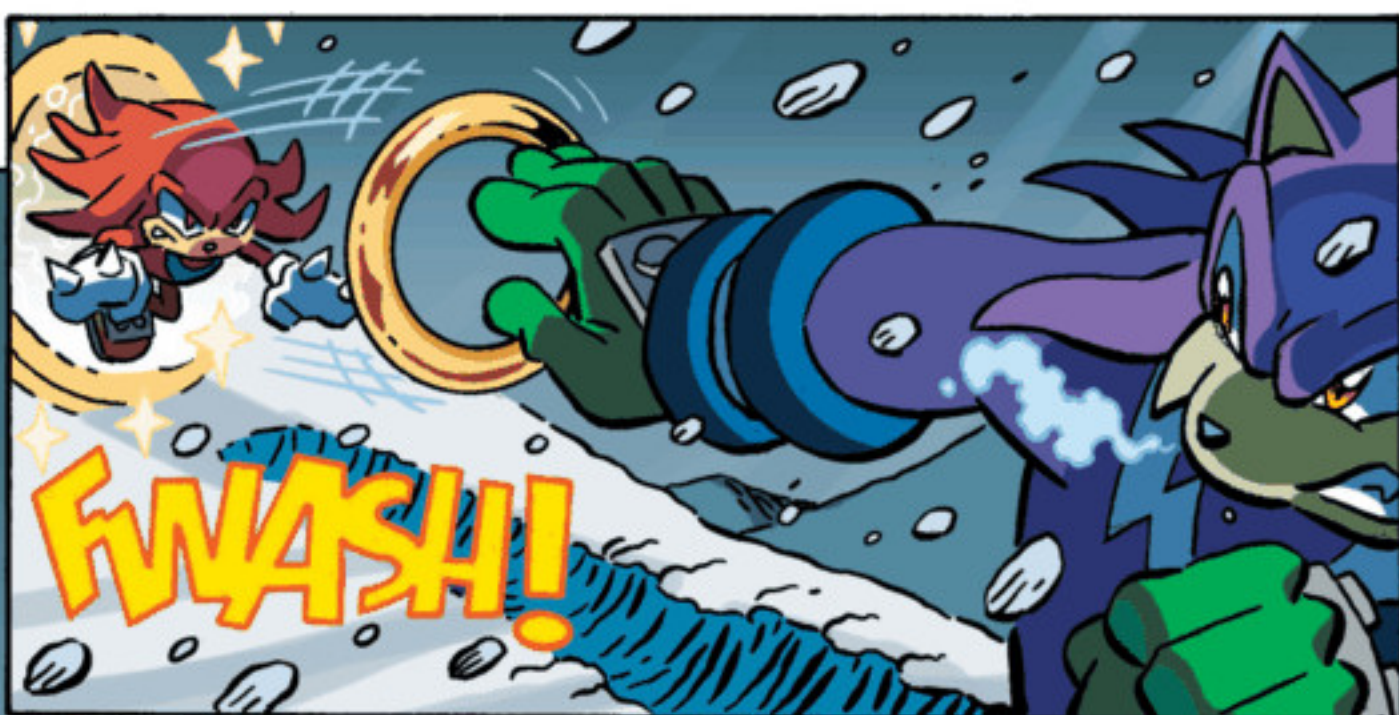




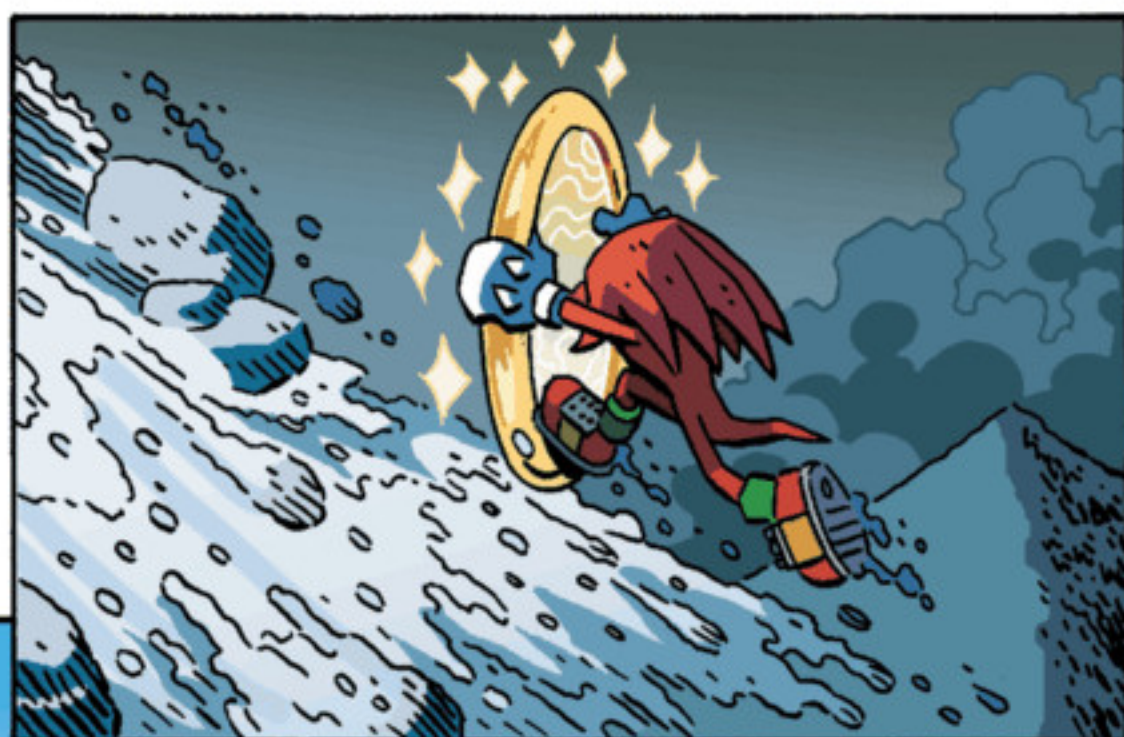
WELL,
THIS IS A
HIDEOUS
SIGHT.

I THOUGHT
I'D MAKE THE
BEST OF A
BAD SITUATION.
"THE ENEMY OF
MY ENEMY
IS MY
FRIEND."

WHITE
ACROPOLIS
PEAKS...

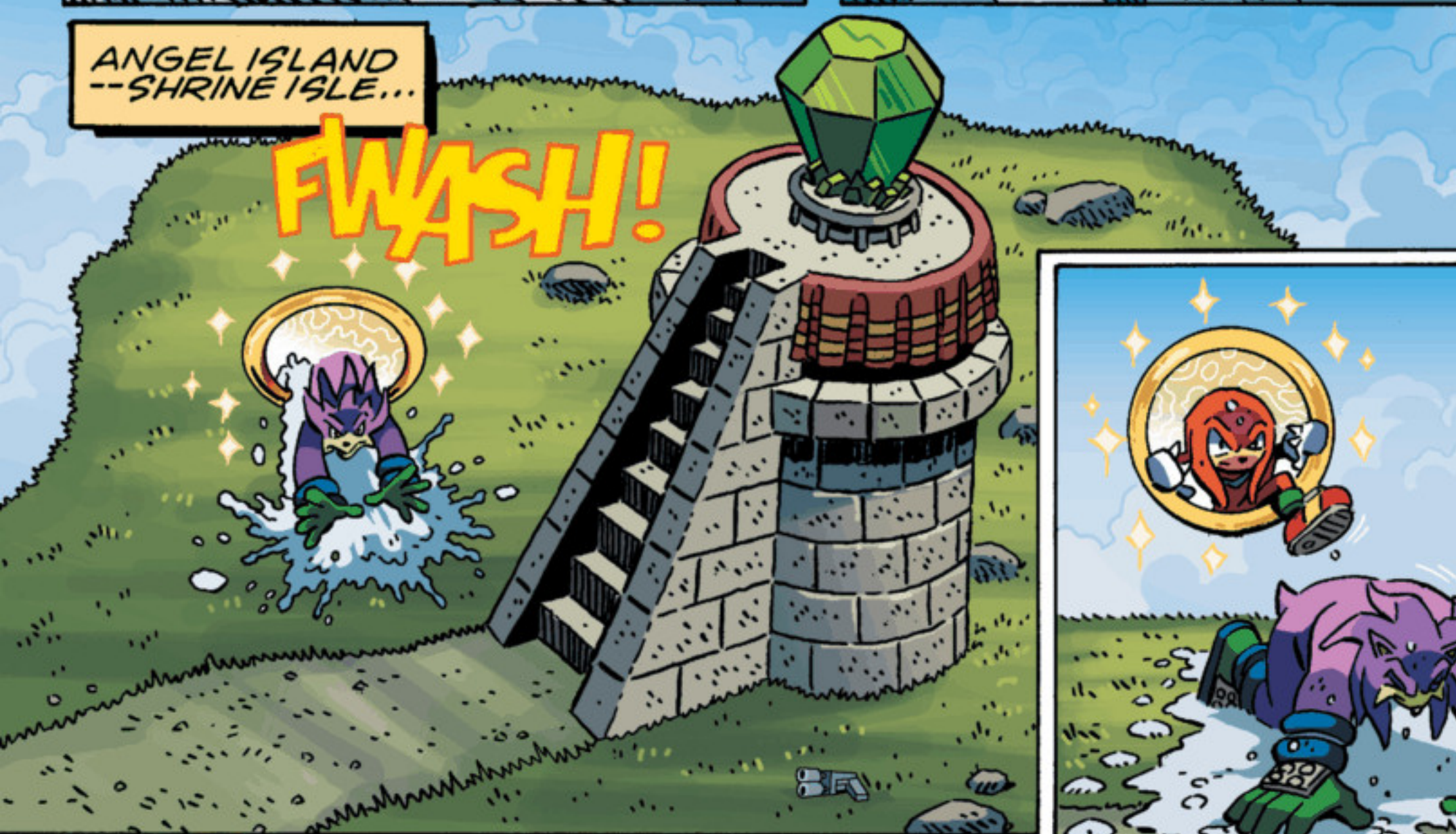


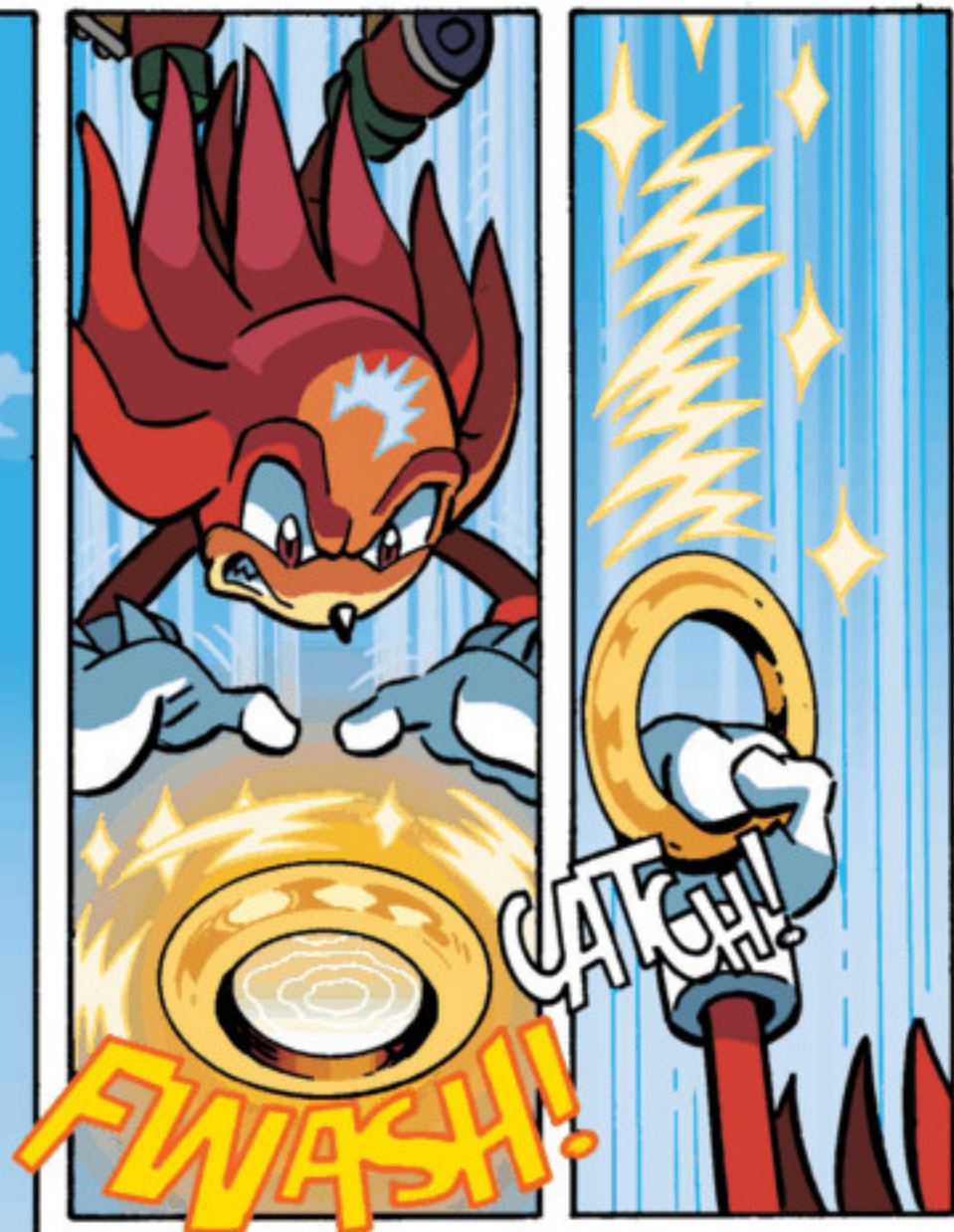
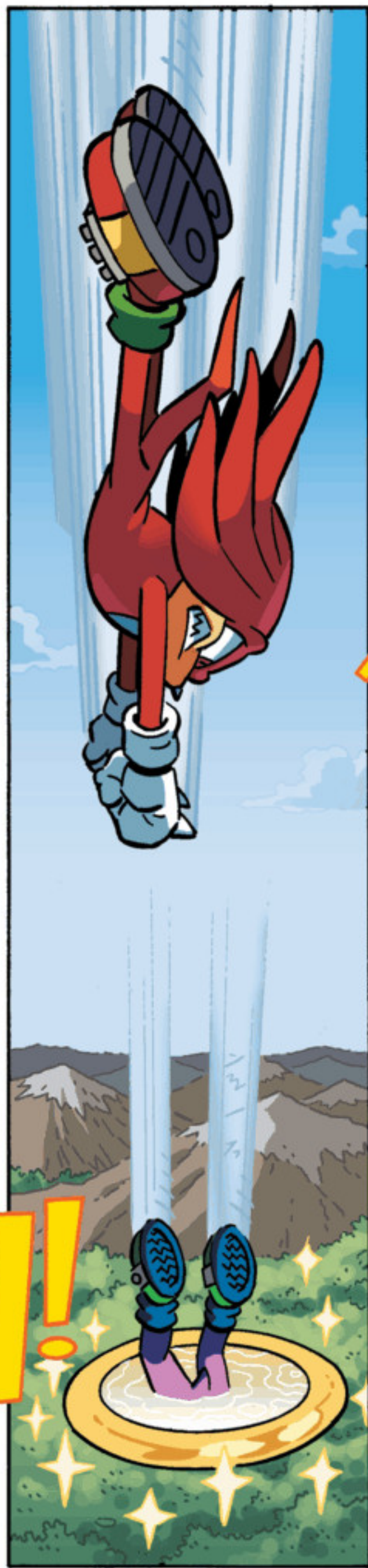


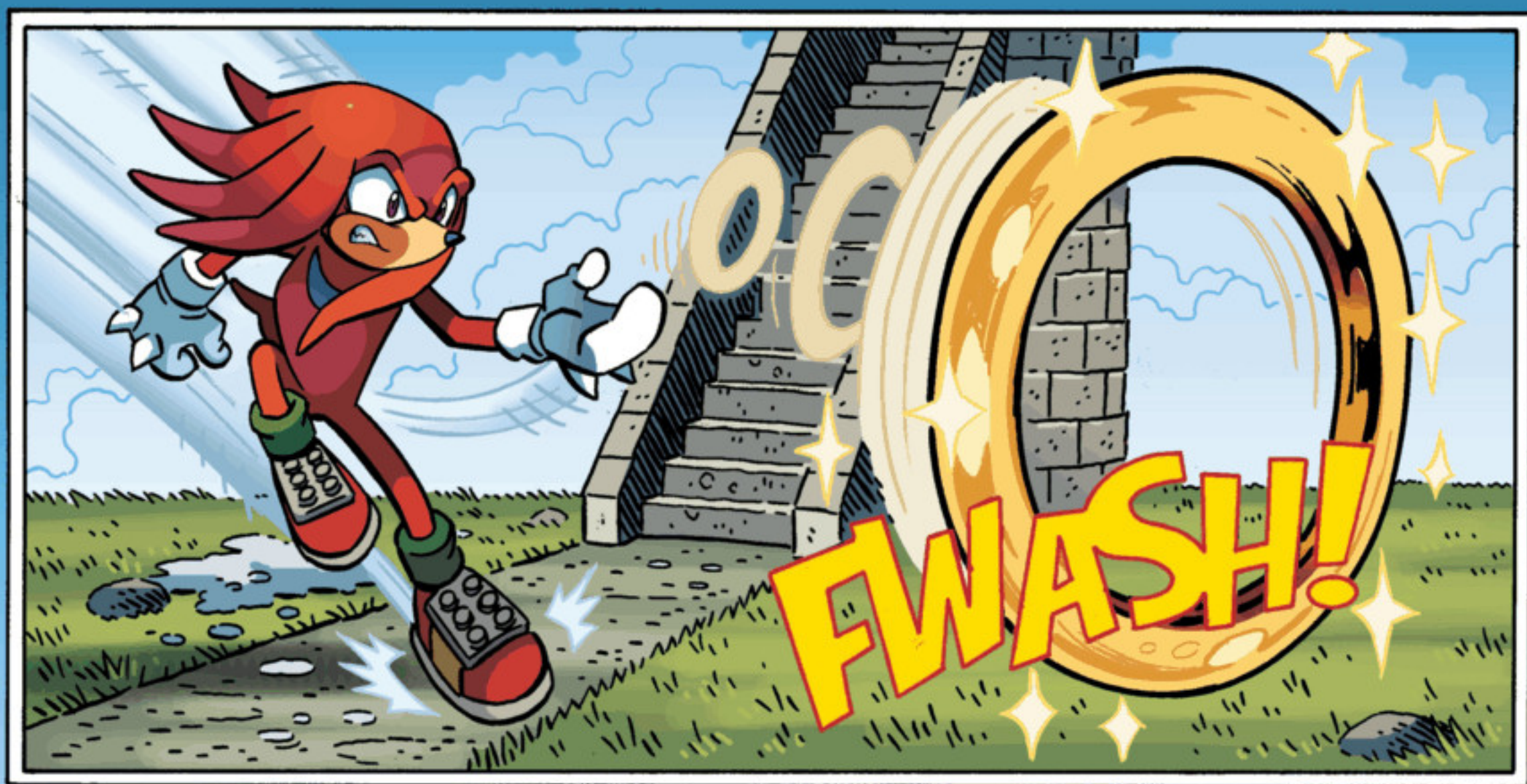


ANGEL ISLAND
--SHRINE ISLE...

FWASH!

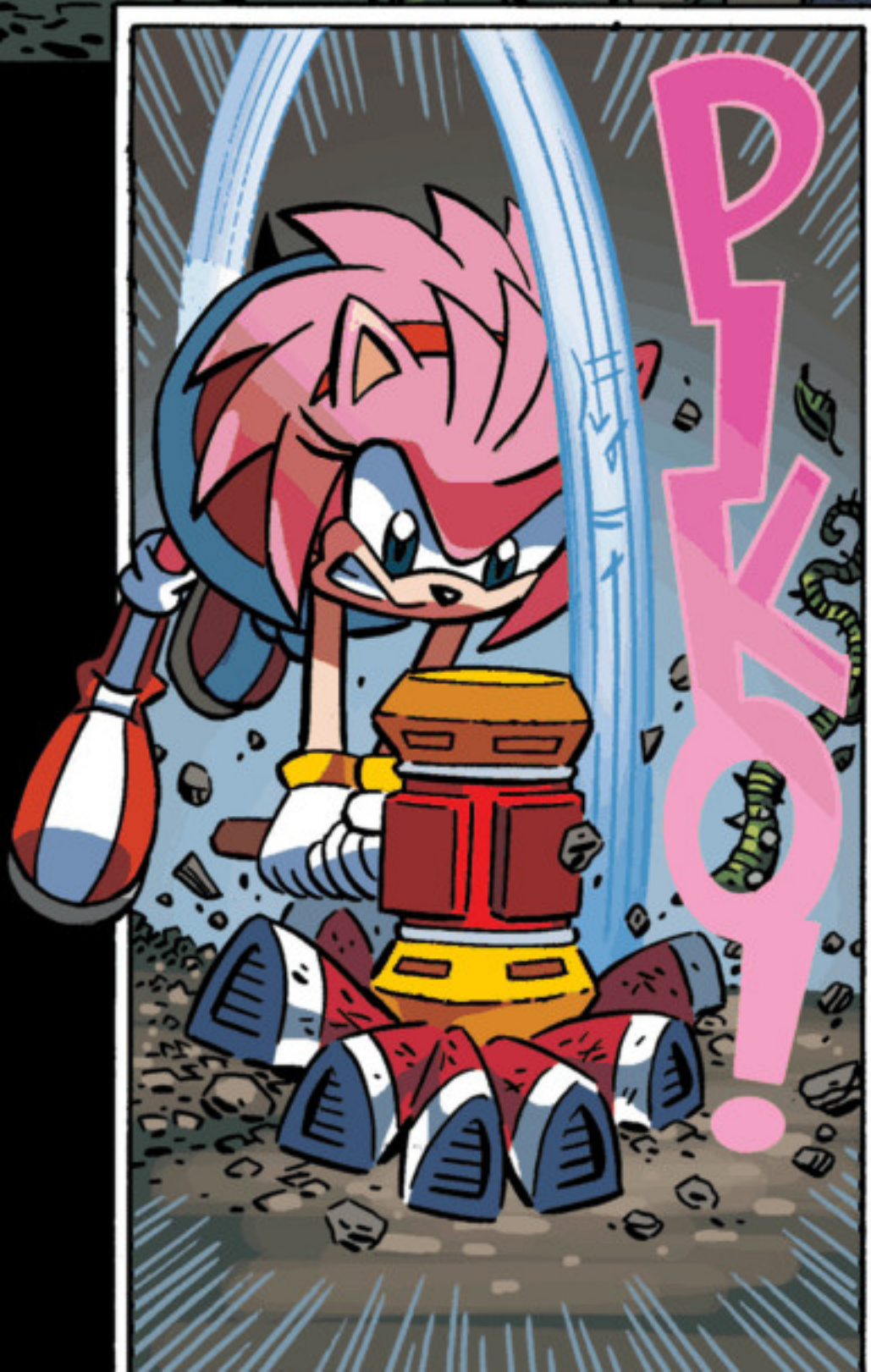






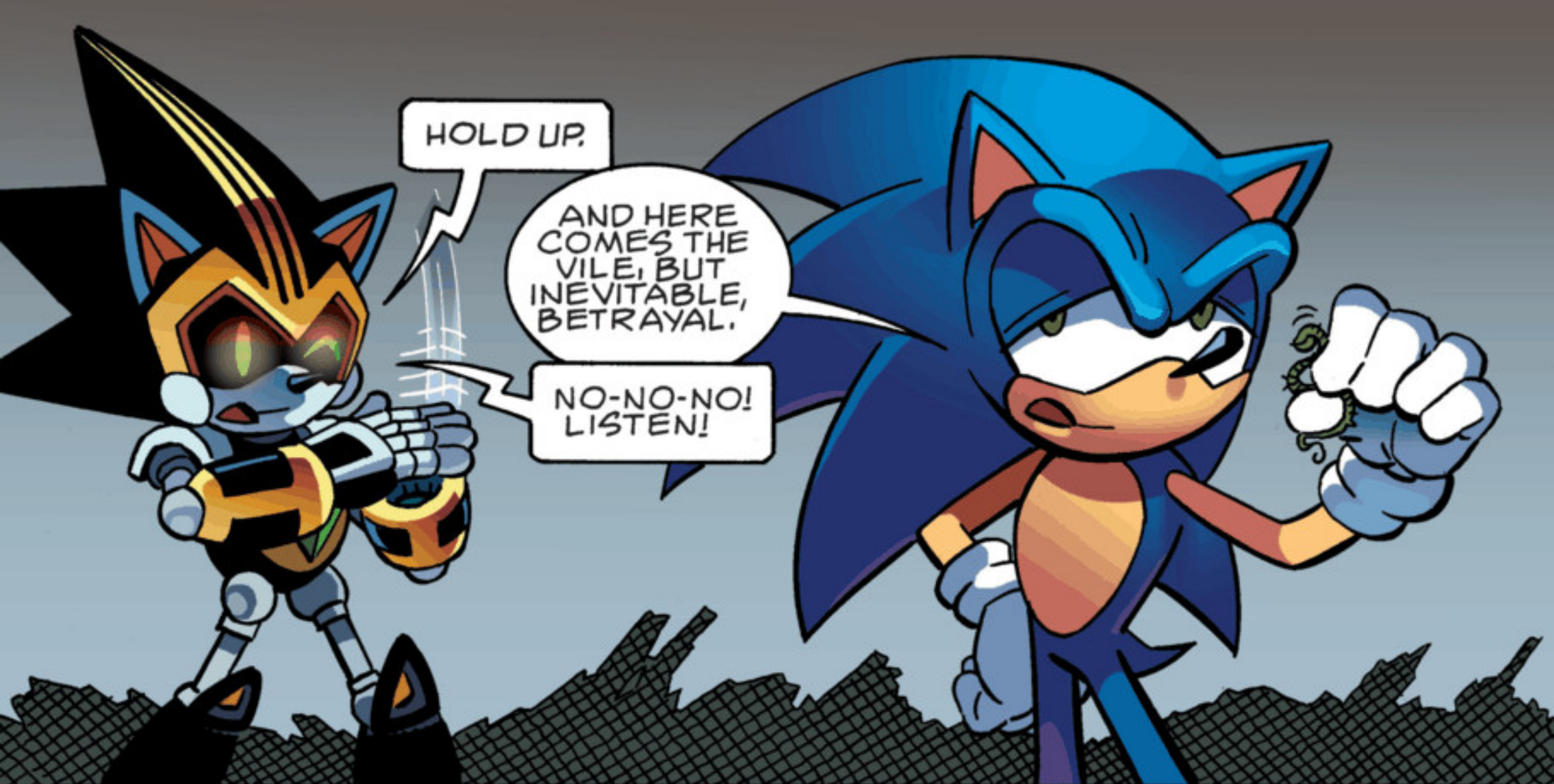


MEANWHILE...



NOW YOU'RE DONE.
I'M GONNA PLANT
YOU SOMEWHERE
WITH NO TECH
AROUND. HOW
DO YOU LIKE
THAT?

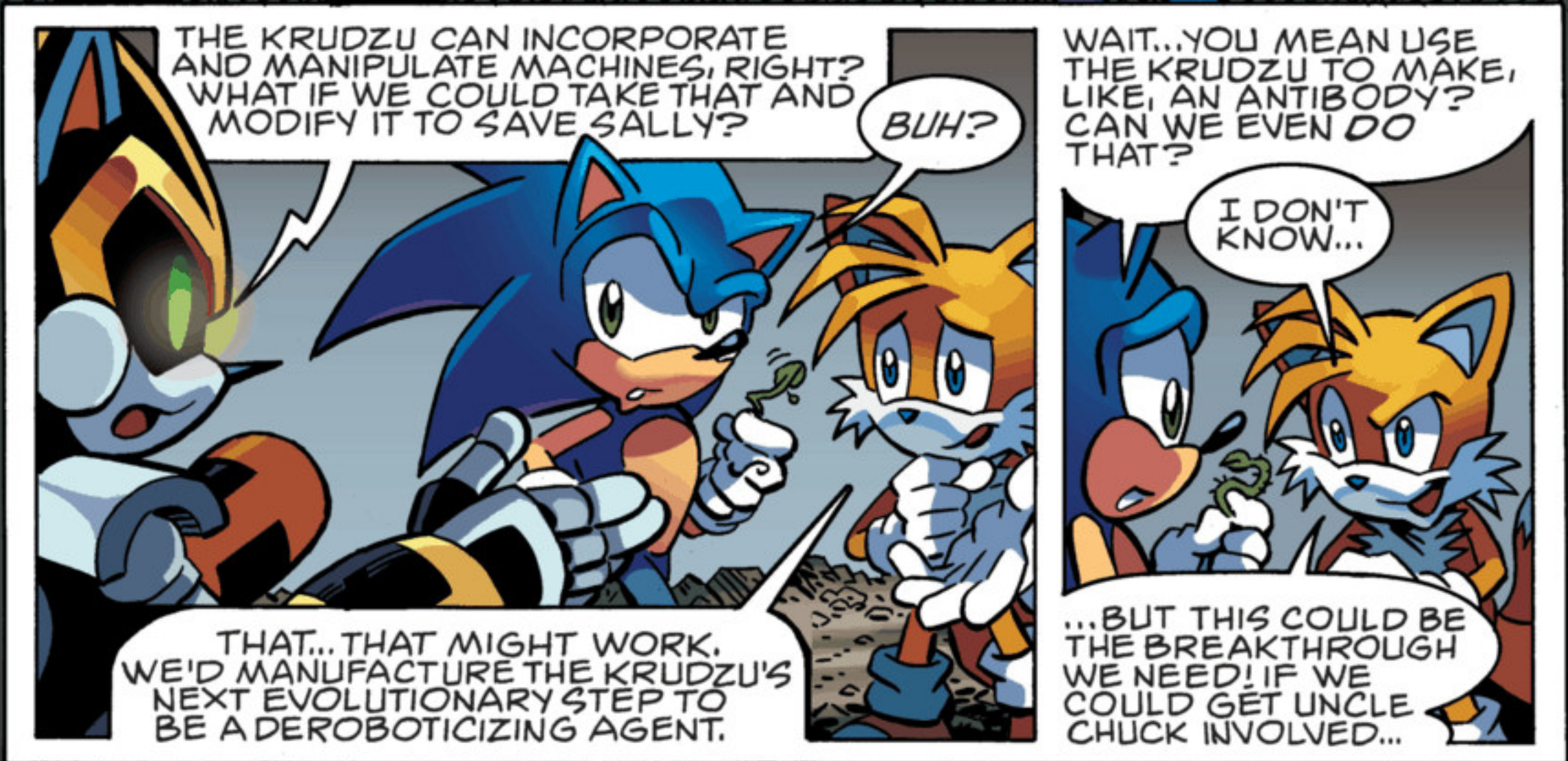




HOLD UP.

AND HERE COMES THE VILE, BUT INEVITABLE, BETRAYAL.

NO-NO-NO! LISTEN!



THE KRUDZU CAN INCORPORATE AND MANIPULATE MACHINES, RIGHT? WHAT IF WE COULD TAKE THAT AND MODIFY IT TO SAVE SALLY?

BUH?

WAIT...YOU MEAN USE THE KRUDZU TO MAKE, LIKE, AN ANTIBODY? CAN WE EVEN DO THAT?

I DON'T KNOW...

THAT... THAT MIGHT WORK. WE'D MANUFACTURE THE KRUDZU'S NEXT EVOLUTIONARY STEP TO BE A DEROBOTICIZING AGENT.

...BUT THIS COULD BE THE BREAKTHROUGH WE NEED! IF WE COULD GET UNCLE CHUCK INVOLVED...



WAIT...WHAT WAS YOUR PLAN AFTER YOU GOT SALLY? YOU HAD A PLAN, RIGHT?

WELL...NO. WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY PUTTING OUT FIRES AND TRYING TO KEEP UP...

UH-HUH. SINCE ONE OF MY BOSSES IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THIS, I'M JUST GONNA TELL HIM THIS IS "PLAN B."



LET ME TAKE THE SPRIG BACK TO NEW MOBOTROPOLIS AND START THE RESEARCH WHILE YOU FINISH THE RESCUE MISSION.



LOOKS LIKE RECYCLING OLD TECH HAS HELPED US OUT TWICE TODAY.

HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE.



YOU KNOW...

...I REMEMBER THIS PLACE WHEN EVERYTHING WAS INTACT. SO BEAUTIFUL, SO FULL OF LIFE. BUNNIE WAS STILL WITH US, AND ANTOINE WAS...AND NOW...

NO...

...YOU CAN'T FOLLOW ME!

THERE'S NO ROOM ON THE PLANE!



AND POOR KNUCKLES...



WE'LL MAKE IT RIGHT. ALL OF IT. I DUNNO HOW OR WHEN, BUT WE'LL FIND A WAY. HECK, IF THIS PLAN WORKS TO SAVE SALLY, MAYBE WE CAN USE KRUDZU-TECH ON A WARP RING AND BRING BACK THE ECHIDNAS. FOR NOW, THO'...

...WE JUST GOTTA KEEP MOVING FORWARD.



LET'S MOVE OUT, TEAM FIGHTERS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO RESCUE ANYBODY BY MOPING IN THE MUD.

I HOPE T-PUP HAS GOTTEN THE TORNADO UP AND RUNNING.



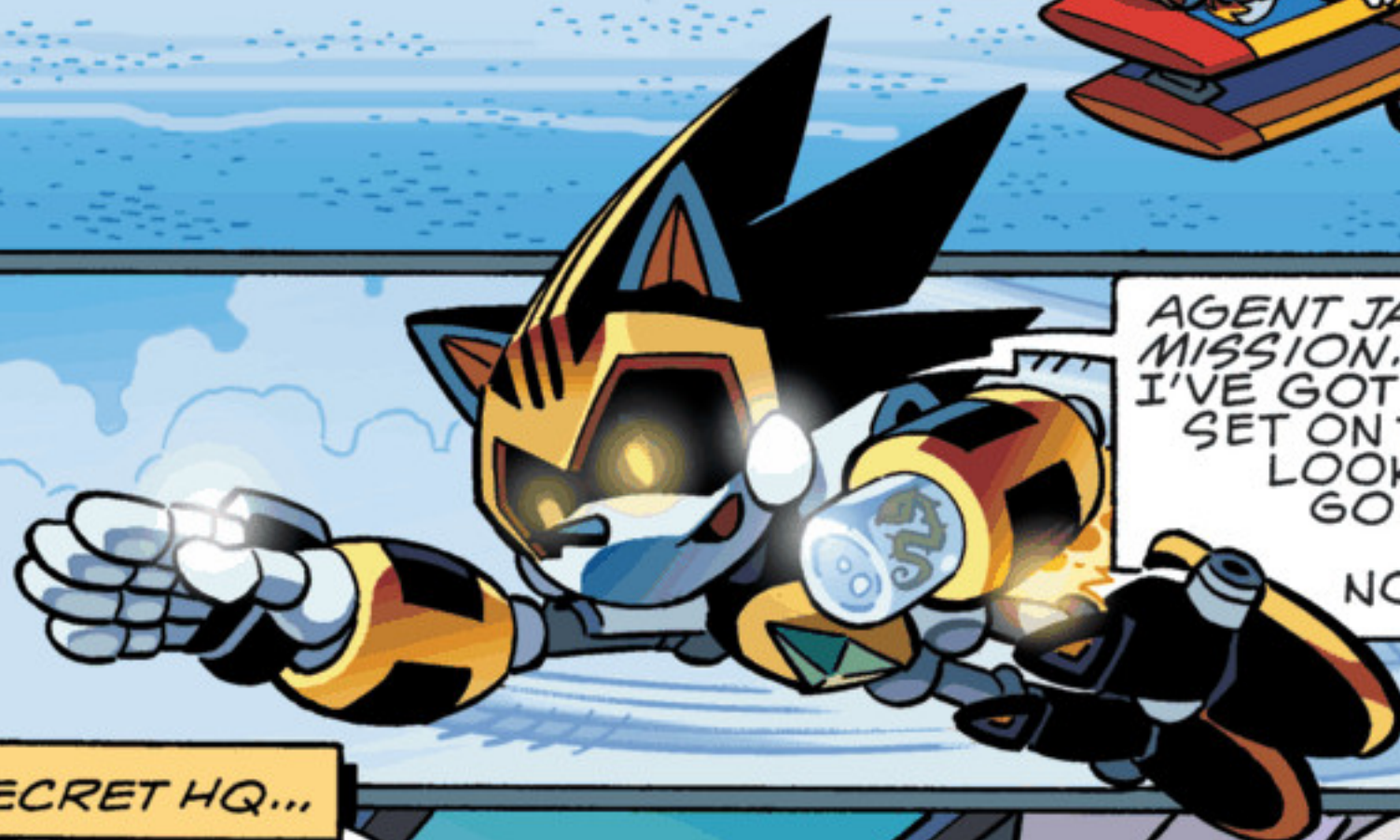
I CAN HELP WITH THAT. NICOLE WANTS ME TO INSTALL A WAY TO MONITOR YOU GUYS ANYWAY.

I...UH... I DUNNO.



LOOK, I'M SORRY FOR THE VOLCANO THING, OKAY?

A SHORT
TIME LATER...



AGENT JACK TO BASE...
MISSION...ER...COMPLETE.
I'VE GOT THE TRACKER
SET ON THE TORNADO. IT
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE
GOING TO BE HEAD-
ING FOR THE
NORTHERN TUNDRA.

SECRET HQ...

DOES THAT
MEAN ANY-
THING TO YOU,
AGENT
ACE?

ACTUALLY
...YES! IT MEANS
I'M ALMOST
OUT OF TIME!



Next Time :

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ain't no sunshine when the editorial commentary has gone!

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You hold in your hands the conclusion to the most destruction-laden story arc in Sonic comic history! We hope you enjoyed this tale, and ALSO hope you enjoyed the "Chaotix Quest" story which just wrapped in Sonic Universe #49!

Next up, our team treks to the arctic to FINALLY show down with Eggman and his army to try and rescue Princess Sally! Sally has been a weaponized minion of Eggman's since she sacrificed herself in Sonic the Hedgehog #230 [all those years ago it seems - read all about it in the Sonic Genesis GN available now @ archiecomics.com! plugplugplug] and it's about time our team gets her back! Or they'll try to, anyway!

Don't miss Sonic Universe #50, a double-sized issue featuring AWESOME foil effects on the cover! But the totally cool foil cover is only available @ comic shops, so dial 1-888-

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SEE YA NEXT MONTH! - Paul

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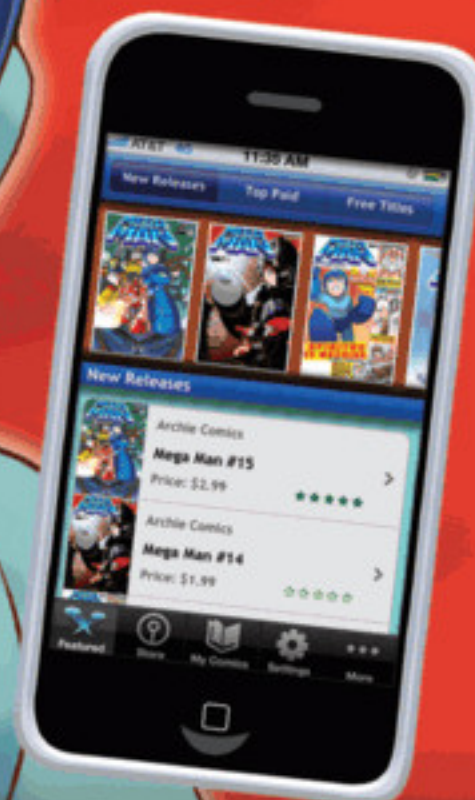
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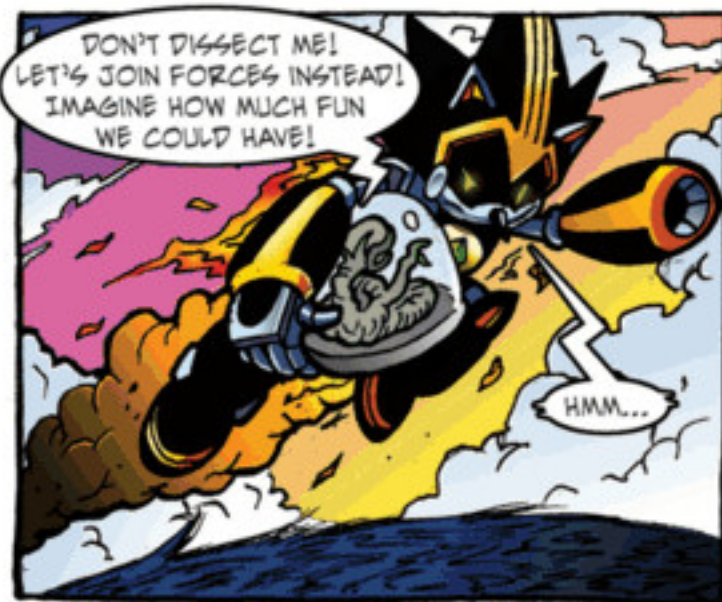
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HEY, KIDS!



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Dear Sonic-Grams,
Bonjour!

Hola!

My name is Blaze (I hope you're listening because I'll bet you get a billion letters a day!) P.S. if my mom's name is on here it's because I am using her computer.

Hiya, Blaze! I enjoy your pyrokinetic powers!

I am a huge fan of Sonic Comics! I am such a huge fan of Sonic Comics that I started my own Sonic Comics! (And Dinosaur Office, and Adventures of Tock, and the Humbug comics, and Pronoun comics!)

Very cool! The best way to learn how to do comics is to make them yourself and keep practicing!

How old is Antoine?

He's in his late teens!

How old is Bunnie?

She is as well!

How old is Eggman?

Too old to have such cholesterol problems!

How old is... never mind.

... Can you go back to classic Robotnik? Because I think he is scarier looking than Egghead.

I love classic

Robotnik too, but that dude is dead. Sonic killed him... sorta. Read all about it in Sonic Archives vol13! plugplugplug

pleaseplease
pleaseplease
pleaseplease
pleaseplease
ohpleaseplease
pleaseplease
pleaseplease
pleaseplease
pleaseplease
PLEASEPLEASE
PLEASEPLEASE
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PLEASEPLEASE

No?

Please change Sally back from a robot to a squirrel. (If you say no I will respond with more pleases.)

Please don't.

Merci for answering my questions.
From: Tails' #1 fan,
Blaze T.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks for writing in, Blaze! Come back next issue for more Mecha Sally action, and while I can't spoil anything for you -- it's going to be a tale you WON'T want to miss!!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
E-MAIL ME
ALREADY! HURRY
UP YOU'RE DRIVING
ME CRAZY SO DO IT
ALREADY!

Lucas D.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

O_o We don't respond to threats! But we reserve the right to print them.

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Hey! Is Spaz ever going to draw a Sth cover again?

Count L.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

HE IS! In fact, Spaz will be drawing every cover for the Sonic and Mega Man crossover story, "Worlds Collide"! If you haven't subscribed to all three series already, it's time to step it up! Check out the spread in the middle of this very issue to find out how to jump on this exclusive offer and never miss an issue of Spaz's awesome cover art!

That's all for this month, Sonic peoples! Make sure you bring it right on back next time for the story that leads into the Sonic/Mega Man crossover epic! And don't forget to subscribe to all three titles for a low low price @ archiecomics.com for a limited time only!!

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THE SEARCH IS OVER!

TEAM FIGHTERS HEAD TO THE ARCTIC TO CONFRONT THE EGGMAN ONCE AND FOR ALL!

"AT ALL COSTS"

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